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AMENDMENT

Sirs:

This is in response to the office action of 11/1/07

Please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-32, Cancel

Add claims 33-38, appearing below:

33. (original) A biochip reader for reading image data of a plurality of biological samples provided as spots pr an array on a surface of said biochip; said reader comprising:

a light source for irradiating excitation light on said plurality of samples on said biochip surface, and for causing said sample to emit fluorescent light different in wavelength from said excitation light;

an optical detector for detecting fluorscent light emitted by said samples as spectroscopic information; and

means comprising a grating, or dichromatic mirror or Fourier spectrometer, for causing said fluorescent light emitted by said samples to be separated and developed as said spectroscopic